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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE

1. FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE WAS FORWARDED TO MAYOR'S OFFICE, HOUSTON, TEXAS, FOR DELIVERY TO PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE DURING TRANSIT STOP IN HOUSTON JUNE 17 WHILE ENROUTE TO MEXICO CITY: QUOTE: DEAR MADAM PRIME MINISTER: ON YOUR BRIEF STOPOVER I WELCOME YOU TO THE UNITED STATES. I AM DELIGHTED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO DEMOCRACIES CONTINUE TO BE SO WARM AND FRIENDLY AND I ASSURE YOU OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE PEACE AND WELL BEING OF YOUR COUNTRY. IT IS MY HOPE THAT YOUR PRESENT TRIP WILL BE A REWARDING ONE FOR YOU. WITH BEST WISHES TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END QUOTE.

2. PRIME MINISTER SCHEDULED TO HAVE ONE AND QUARTER HOUR STOPOVER IN HOUSTON AND TO BE MET BY RECEPTION COMMITTEE OF CITY OF HOUSTON. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON DETAILS OF STOPOVER. KISSINGER

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